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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Respectfully submitted,

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	3,942,228	03/09/76	Buckman, et al.			
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	4,955,864	09/11/90	Hajduch			
	4,966,582	10/30/92	Sit, et al.			
	4,976,700	12/11/90	Tollini			
	4,981,469	01/01/91	Whitehouse, et al.			
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		0 247 590	12/02/87	EPC				
		0 263 789	04/13/88	EPC				
		0 356 683	03/07/90	EPC				
		0 367 549	05/09/90	EPC				
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